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1. The largest sugar factory in Bulgaria is located on the Danube River approximately two kilometers east of Ruse. During four months of the year the factory employs 1,500 workers in three shifts, and during the off-season, only 400 workers are retained. The annual output is 20,000 tons of sugar.
2. The Trud Brick and Tile Factory is located about 200 meters from the sugar factory. It employs 300 to 400 workers during the summer months. It operates a training school for specialists in ceramics.
3. A brick factory located approximately one kilometer east of the Trud Factory employs 300 workers in season and has an annual output of 5,000,000 bricks.
4. The Georgi Dimitrov Factory is the largest enterprise in Ruse. It now employs 10,000 workers, and is to expand to 20,000 by 1955. The factory is being enlarged and will eventually cover an area of four square kilometers. Production consists of all types of agricultural machinery except tractors and combines. A model tractor and combine were completed in 1953, but it was claimed that the Soviets stopped production to maintain their exports of tractors and combines to Bulgaria.
5. The Vera Piskova (formerly Postoyanova) Cotton Factory, located near the Georgi Dimitrov Plant, employs 800 workers in three shifts.
6. The soap factory formerly known as the Bachvarov Factory, which is located near the Vera Piskova Factory, employs 100 to 120 workers.
7. The Nacho Ivanov Flour Mill Combine, located in the same area as the cotton and soap factories, includes the former Mitev and Kalmi Mills. The largest mill (Mitev) has a daily output of 80 tons, and the smaller mill (Kalmi) has a daily output of 60 tons. A third mill of the combine, with a daily output of 40 tons, was dismantled to allow the expansion of the Georgi Dimitrov Factory.

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8. A nail and screw factory which employs 300 to 400 workers is located on the west bank of the Lom River.
9. The St. Matei Shipyard in Ruse port employs 600 to 700 men.
10. A railroad repair shop is located 300-400 meters west of the sugar factory. It employs 1,000 to 1,200 workers and performs repair work for all districts in northeastern Bulgaria. The shop also builds new locomotives and coaches, three of which were completed by 1953.
11. The daily newspaper Dunavska Pravda (Danube Truth) is printed on Dimitur Blagoev (formerly Tsaritsa Ioanna) Street in Ruse. The paper has a circulation of 5,000 to 6,000 copies.
12. Three railroad stations of Ruse, all located along the Danube, are to be destroyed, and the area is to be made into a large public park. The stations will be replaced by a new large station to be built near the present Khalta station; the site is now being levelled.

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